

**Employment Policy**

4499. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any employment policy to solve the problem of unemployment in the country particularly in the NER States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The planning for employment generation is a part of the Five Year Plans and there is no separate employment policy. However, a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission has been set up to go into the employment generation taking place and suggest for creation of 100 million (10 million per year) jobs in a period of 10 years.

The problem of unemployment in the North East Region has been drawing the attention of the Government for quite some time. As a part of the Socio Economic Development Package for the North East Region and Sikkim, an amount of Rs. 10,271 Crore has been earmarked for various initiatives for social and economic development, including *inter-alia* setting up of new ITIs and strengthening of existing ITIs for further development of skills among the unemployed youth, promotion of information technology and its application. These will help the unemployed youth to access wage-employment and self-employment opportunities inside and outside the State.